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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN ADMIRAL INVITED TO U.S.

LUSAKA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM

1. ADMIRAL BIERMANN, CHIEF OF SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCES, CALLED AMBASSADOR TODAY TO INFORM HIM THAT INVITATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM CONGRESSMAN LOUIS C. WYMAN, OF "DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE," FOR ADMIRAL JAMES JOHNSON, CHIEF OF SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY, TO VISIT U.S. IN "LATTER PART OF NOVEMBER." BIERMANN SAID INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO ADMIRAL JOHNSON "IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY" AND THAT THE ADMIRAL WOULD BE CONGRESSMAN WYMAN'S PERSONAL GUEST. HE WOULD STAY IN U.S. FOR ABOUT A WEEK. HIS TRAVEL WOULD BE PAID BY SAG.

2. RECALLING PROBLEMS WHICH AROSE BECAUSE OF HIS VISIT TO U.S. ADMIRAL BIERMANN SAID HE WANTED AMBASSADOR TO KNOW ABOUT INVITATION BECAUSE "WE WILL HAVE TO COME TO YOU FOR A VISA." HE INDICATED THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PROMPT RESPONSE TO CONGRESSMAN WYMAN'S INVITATION, SAG WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE ON USG ATTITUDE REGARDING VISA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: SAG OBVIOUSLY FULLY AWARE OF DIFFICULTY VISIT BY ADMIRAL JOHNSON TO U.S. WOULD PRESENT TO USG. IN VIEW OF MANNER
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IN WHICH ADMIRAL BIERMANN MADE HIS INQUIRY ABOUT VISA, WE BELIEVE

SAG WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE SURPRISED AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT PROCEED
WITH VISA REQUEST IF DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT USG WOULD PREFER
THAT NO APPLICATION BE MADE.
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